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Baader-Meinhof Leaders Sentenced to Life

The three surviving leaders of West Germany's Baader-Meinhof gang--Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe--were sentenced to life imprisonment on 28 April for the murder of four U.S. servicemen in May 1972. Life imprisonment is the highest sentence that can be imposed in West Germany. The five-judge tribunal trying the trio also found them guilty on 34 other counts of attempted murder and of joining a criminal conspiracy against the state. The defendants, who are on a hunger strike in their cells, refused to appear in court to hear the verdict. The court's action brought to an end a trial that had begun nearly two years ago.

The case may not have run its course, however. The original chairman of the tribunal was dismissed on 20 January on a motion accusing him of prejudice after he had presided over most of the trial. On 17 March officials of the West German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, where the trial took place, admitted in a press conference that the conversations of the defendants and their lawyers had been monitored by audio devices for a period of 22 days. (See the 23 March issue.) The judge's disqualification and the government's eavesdropping are expected to form the basis for defense appeals of the sentences.

The Baader-Meinhof gang was formed during the 1960s. It went underground in 1970. From that point until the three defendants were arrested in June 1972, the gang carried out a campaign of urban violence. Three bombs were exploded on 11 May 1972 in a U.S. Army officers club in Frankfurt, killing an American. On 24 May 1972 three other Americans were killed by bombs hidden in their automobiles at the U.S. Army's European Command headquarters in Heidelberg. After Baader and his associates were arrested for these acts, they were held for three years in pre-trial detention.

Although the Baader-Meinhof gang has lost most of its top leadership--co-founder Ulrike Meinhof committed suicide in her prison cell in May 1976 and Holger Meins died during a hunger strike in his cell--it has retained its ability to carry out terrorism. On 7 April Siegfried Buback, the chief prosecutor in the Baader-Meinhof trial, was assassinated in Karslruhe by two terrorists on a motorcycle.

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Cuban Training for Latin Americans

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American terrorists continue to be trained by the Cuban armed forces.

there is a training center for the terrorists--who may number as many as 350 at a given time--located in Havana province. There they attended

a given time--located in Havana province. There they attend a three-month training session which includes instruction in guerrilla tactics, sabotage techniques and deception operations. Some terrorists have also received traditional military training--parachute jumping and training with tanks.

Extraordinary security precautions are said to be taken to compartmentalize various training groups. If the groups meet socially, they are forbidden to discuss their activities with each other. Cuban guards and instructors are present at the gatherings to enforce security. Once training is completed and the terrorists return to their own or a third country, they are instructed not to discuss their Cuban experiences with members of their own organizations.

The largest Latin American group to have received training appears to have been the Tupamaros of Uruguay.

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The Tupamaros and the ELN both are members of the Revolutionary Coordinating Junta (JCR) and that organization has provided the ELN trainees with documentation, safe haven and other support in Europe prior to their return home. It presumably has done the same for the Tupamaros.

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Niehous Reward Withdrawn	
Mrs. Donna L. Niehous has withdrawn her offer of reward of nearly U.S. \$500,000 for information on the abouts of her husband, William Niehous, former manager the Owens-Illinois complex in Venezuela.	where-
Mrs. Niehous, of Toledo, Ohio, announced her deci in a letter written to a Caracas daily newspaper repor who has closely followed the 14-month-old kidnap case. continue to hold the strong belief that my husband is alive," she wrote. "However, eight months have passed my offer was made one has come forward to help me; it is obvious that the offer of such a substantial sum of money no longer ser any useful purpose."	since d no 25X1
Hijack Attempt at Rome Airport	
A knife-wielding Libyan boarded and seized Iberia Airlines flight 352 after it landed in Rome from Madri May. The Libyan, identified as Abu Aysha Ali Fargani, the pilot that he had brought explosives aboard and we blow up the plane unless he was flown immediately to MHE permitted the passengers to get off but kept the pico-pilot and navigator as hostages.	d on 2 told ould Madrid.
Airport authorities said that the pilot turned a extinguisher on the would-be hijacker when police outs the aircraft managed to divert his attention. He was overpowered and arrested. In a statement to police af his capture, Fargani claimed that he wanted to see his fiancee in Bilbao but had been denied entry into Spain earlier flight because he had no money.	side then ter
Greek Terrorists Seek Publicity	
The obscure 17 November Revolutionary Organization which has claimed responsibility for the murders of U. embassy officer Richard Welch and former captain of the	.S.

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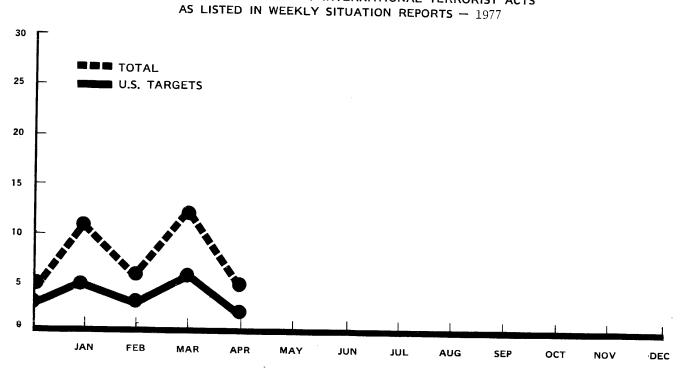
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SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST INCIDENTS BY TYPE - 1977

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Ju1	Aug	Sep	0ct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Assassination	1	1		1									
Hijacking			2										
Kidnaping	1	2	2										
Barricade & Hostage													
Armed Attack	2		2										
Bombing	7	3	6	3									
Attempted Assassination				1									

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date:

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<u>Lufthansa Office in Barcelona</u> Bombed

A bomb exploded at the Lufthansa Airlines office in Barcelona on 21 April, completely destroying the office and seriously damaging the building in which it was located. The 1 October Anti-Fascist Resistance Group (GRAPO) claimed responsibility for the attack which it said was to protest FRG treatment

of political prisoners.

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Date:

1 May 1977

Place:

Mauritania, Zouerate Mauritanian Mining Facility Attacked by Polisario Front An unknown number of Polisario guerrillas attacked a Mauritanian mining facility near Zouerate with mortar and small arms fire on 1 May. Two French citizens were killed during the attack and several Mauritanians were injured. Seven others--six French nationals and one Mauritanian -- are missing and presumed kidnaped by the raiding force. Facilities at the mining site were extensively damaged.

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TERRORIST THREATS AND PLANS

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Tab B includes all reasonably credible reports of planned terrorist activity.

The threats listed are con-

sidered sufficiently plausible to warrant alertness and the use of protective security measures. However, terrorist groups often discuss general intentions or make tentative plans for violent acts that they never succeed in carrying out. In nearly all the cases listed, the intended target and appropriate governments have been informed of the threat.

- ** Indicates a new threat reported for the first time.
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Target:

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Place:

Colombia

Date:

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The Popular Liberation Army (EPL) has published a communique announcing the issuance of death threats to several business executives. According to the communique, executives of Chrysler, Ericson and Avianca are "persecuting the workers" and have been sent death threats. The EPL also claimed responsibility for the 15 April shooting of a British business-

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Date:	Current	recent local anti-government demonstrations and charges of U.S. support for the anti-government opposition. Two of the letters were signed by the "Pakistan Students Federation of Unity" and threatened the USIS facility in Rawalpindi Security protection for U.S. government buildings in Pakistan is being augmented, especially at the USIS center in Rawalpindi.	25X1
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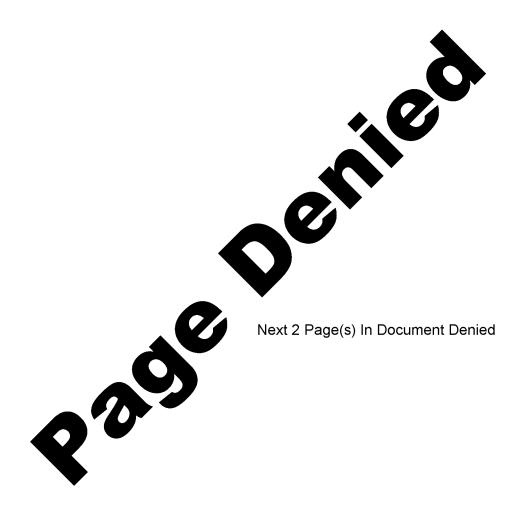
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White House Replies to Hijacked Soviets

Two crew members of a Soviet airliner hijacked to Turkey recently wrote to President Carter demanding that the hijackers, who are in the U.S., be returned to the Soviet Union. (See the issue of 30 March.) The following reply has been sent to the crew members by a White House staff assistant.

"Dear Mr. Shavidze and Mr. Babayan:

"I am writing in reply to your letter of March 23 to President Carter concerning the case of Algirdas and Pranas Brazinskas, who were involved in the skyjacking of your aircraft from the Soviet Union to Turkey in 1970. They were also held responsible for the senseless death of a stewardess aboard your aircraft. Under the circumstances it is very easy for me to understand your concern about this case and I welcome this opportunity to explain our position on such acts of international terrorism.

"The United States government unalterably opposes the use of terrorist tactics--including the hijacking of aircraft--for any purpose. As a party to the Hague Convention we recognize such acts to be criminal and we subscribe to the principle that the perpetrators of such acts should be prosecuted.

"In the case of Algirdas and Pranas Brazinskas, you should be aware that upon their arrival in Turkey they were arrested and prosecuted. They were released under a general amnesty and confined to a refugee camp. Subsequently they travelled to Venezuela. However, on August 25, 1976, they illegally entered the United States while in transit to Canada. They were arrested and are now the subjects of deportation hearings in New York and Boston. Their request for political asylum in the United States was rejected on the grounds that their act constitutes a serious nonpolitical crime. If they are found deportable, the United States authorities would presumably seek to deport them to the country of last previous residence—in their case Venezuela—in accordance with United States law.

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"I hope this information is helpful.

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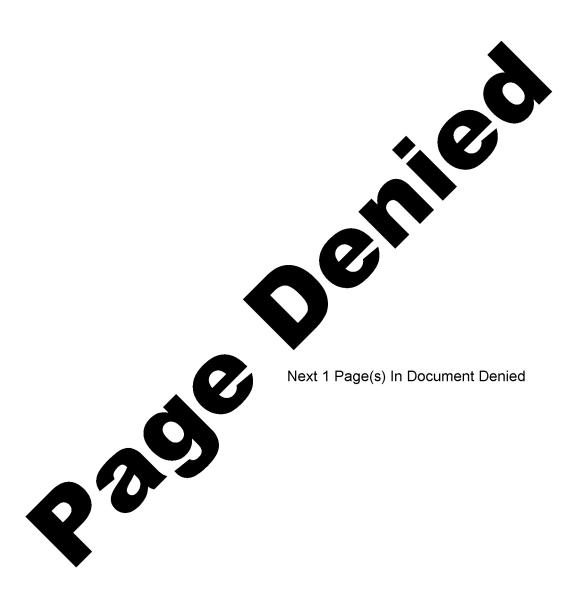
Valerio L. Giannini, Staff Assistant"

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Norwegian Arrested for Carrying Explosives at Beirut Airport	
According to a Reuter press release, Lars Gule, a Norwegian, was arrested on 6 May at the Beirut airport for carrying plastic explosives and detonators. Customs officers found 25 ounces of plastic hidden in a book in his luggage as he prepared to board a Lebanese airliner for Frankfurt. He had obtained the explosives from a man named Ahmad in Beirut, but gave no indication of what he planned to do with them.	
This is the fourth incident since 30 December 1976 of persons attempting to carry weapons and explosives aboard Middle East Airlines planes departing Beirut.	25X1
Kidnaped American Boy Still Missing	25 X 1
An Argentinian, whose two-year-old sona U.S. citizenwas kidnaped near Buenos Aires last September, has now decided that public knowledge of his son's U.S. citizenship would not be prejudicial to his safety. The father, Raul Kraiselburd, publisher of "El Dia," a well-known Argentinian newspaper, recently told U.S. officials in Buenos Aires that the Kraiselburd family is appealing throughout Latin America for information on his son David's whereabouts. Kraiselburd also said he is receiving anonymous mail which indicates David is in Uruguay.	
David was abducted from outside the family home in La	

Plata, near Buenos Aires, on 1 September 1976. Initial demands from the kidnapers included a ransom payment of \$200,000.

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However, the kidnapers' identities have never been positively established and no communication from individuals believed definitely involved in the crime has been received in several months, raising fears that the boy may have been killed.	25X1
Trial Opens in Death of Ambassador Davies	
Three Greek Cypriots accused of the fatal shooting of Ambassador Roger Davies went on trial in Nicosia on 9 May. (See the issue of 8 February.) Ambassador Davies was killed in August 1974 during a riot directed against the U.S. embassy following the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. On the second day of the trial, the court received testimony from a police inspector that he had seen one of the defendants carrying an automatic weapon near the embassy during the disturbance. The three men, a mechanic and two former policemen, have pleaded not guilty to the charges brought against them.	25X
Attempted Hijacking Foiled	
On 18 May, Bruce John Trayer, a 25-year-old U.S. citizen, attempted to hijack Northwest Airlines flight 22 bound from Tokyo to Honolulu. About one hour after leaving Tokyo, Trayer grabbed a stewardess and holding a razor to her throat attempted to divert the 747 jet with its 261 passengers to Moscow. The pilot radioed that a hijacking was underway and requested directions for a flight to Moscow. About ten minutes later the pilot reported that the hijacker had been subdued after being hit over the head by the purser who utilized the blunt end of the aircraft's fire-axe. The hijacker required medical attention when the plane returned to Tokyo, where authorities took him into custody.	
Trayer had arrived in Tokyo on 6 May without a visa and on 8 May he attempted to board a plane to the USSR without the required Soviet visa. Airport authorities later placed Trayer on the Northwest flight to the U.S.	25X1

Trial of PFLP Terrorists Held in Israel Postponed

The closed military trial of the two West Germans held by Israel on charges of being involved in a PFLP attempt to

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shoot down an El Al airliner in Nairobi has been postponed indefinitely, according to a German press report from Israel. (See the 6 April issue.) The two, Brigitte Schultz and Thomas Reuter, have apparently not yet selected their defense counsel from a list of about 1,000 Israeli lawyers which has been provided them. Israel recently announced that an official German representative could be present at the trial. The Israelis are also holding three Palestinians on the same charges. It is not known whether the trial postponement also affects them.

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Convicted Philippine Embassy Attacker Declared Not Guilty After New Trial

Napoleon Lechoco, a Philippine lawyer imprisoned in 1975 as a result of his attack on the Philippine embassy in Washington, D.C., was declared not guilty by reason of insanity, at a retrial on 3 May 1977. Lechoco had held Philippine Ambassador Romauldez and an aide hostage in the embassy for several hours on 19 November 1974, and surrendered only after his demand that his son be allowed to leave the Philippines was granted. (See the 19 November 1974 issue.) Lechoco was sentenced in August 1975 to a prison term of up to ten years.

However, in September 1976, the U.S. Court of Appeals ordered a new trial to determine Lechoco's sanity on the grounds that certain defense witnesses had been excluded from the portion of the earlier trial which dealt with his sanity. The new verdict was based on evidence that Lechoco

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was suffering from "gross stress reaction" because the Philippine government would not allow his son to travel to the U.S. This reaction made him temporarily insane and thus not responsible for his actions. As a result of this new ruling, Lechoco will receive a psychiatric examination to determine his present mental condition, and based on the findings, will be either committed to an institution or released. It is believed likely that Lechoco will be re-	
leased after the psychiatric evaluation.	25X1
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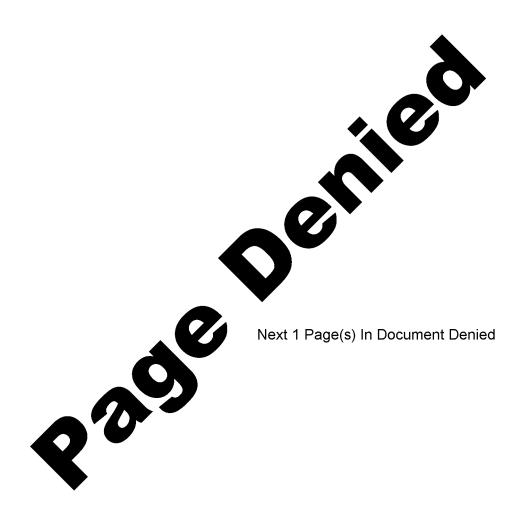
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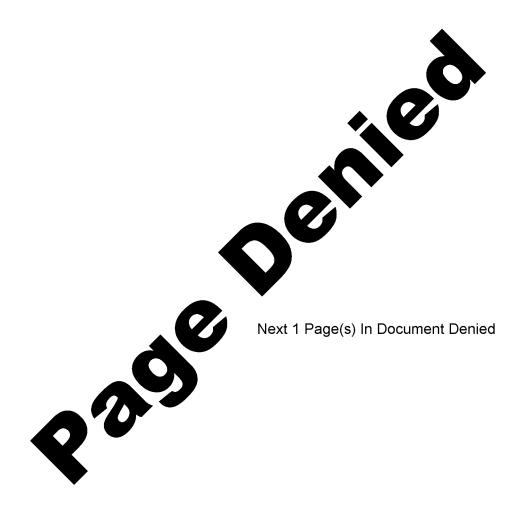
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West German Terrorist Klein Abandons Terrorism?

A letter purported to be from Hans-Joachim Klein, West German terrorist best known for his participation with Carlos in the December 1975 attack on the Vienna OPEC meeting, has been received by the German magazine "Der Spiegel." Klein claims in the letter to have become disillusioned with terrorism and says he has broken with his former colleagues. Klein also revealed that there is a terrorist plan to kill two West German Jewish leaders--Heinz Galenski of West Berlin and Ignaz Lipinski of Frankfurt--and said he hoped to prevent their murders by exposing the plot. Police have placed the two men under heavy security guard.



KLEIN, Hans-Joachim

Klein's revolver with ammunition and a set of his fingerprints accompanied the letter to prove its authenticity.

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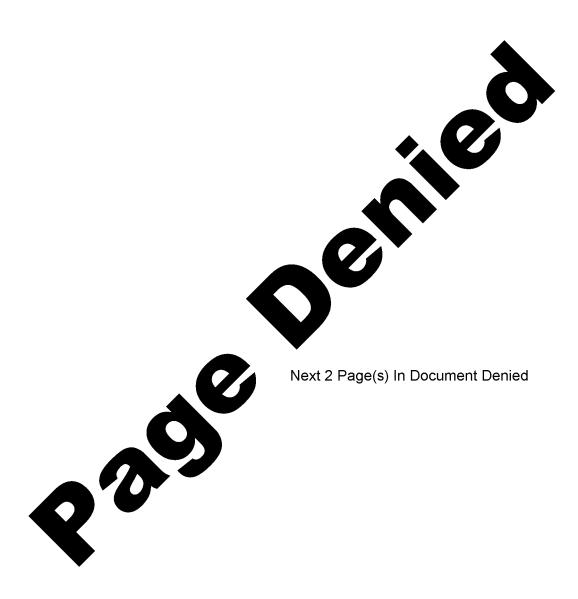
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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date:

14 May 1977

Place:

France, Paris

Turkish Tourism Office in Paris Bombed

A bomb exploded on 14 May at the Turkish tourism office in Paris, slightly injuring the building's caretaker. In telephone calls to the French press agency, the Youth Action Group and the New Armenian Resistance claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was in support of the Ar-

menian people.

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Date:

17 May 1977

Place:

Spain, Madrid

Bomb Explodes at USIS Cultural

Center in Madrid

A bomb explosion at the USIS Cultural Center in Madrid on 17 May caused considerable damage to the building but no serious injuries. The leftist group GRAPO claimed responsibility for the attack.

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TERRORIST THREATS AND PLANS

Tab B includes all reasonably credible reports of planned terrorist activity.

the threats listed are considered sufficiently plausible to warrant alertness and the use of protective security measures. However, terrorist groups often discuss general intentions or make tentative plans for violent acts that they never succeed in carrying out. In nearly all the cases listed, the intended target and appropriate governments have been informed of the threat.

- ** Indicates a new threat reported for the first time.
- * Indicates a revision of a threat reported in previous issues.
 - I. Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

Target:

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Business Executives The Popular Liberation Army (EPL) has published a communique announcing the issuance of death

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Place:

Colombia

Date:

Current

threats to several business executives. According to the communique, executives of Chrysler, Ericson and Avianca are "persecuting the workers" and have been sent death threats. The EPL also claimed responsibility for the 15 April shooting of a British businessman.

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III. Middle East

Target:

U.S. FACILITIES

Place:

Pakistan

Date:

Current

The U.S. embassy and its personnel in Islamabad continue to receive threatening letters in the wake of recent local anti-government demonstrations and charges of U.S. support for the anti-government opposition. Two of the letters were signed by the "Pakistan Students Federation of Unity" and threatened the USIS facility in Rawalpindi. Security protection for U.S. government buildings in Paki-

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IV. Africa

Target:

GULF OIL

FACILITIES

Place:

Cabinda

Date:

Unknown

The Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda (FLEC) issued a communique in Lisbon on 16 May threatening to attack Gulf Oil facilities in Cabinda unless Gulf immediately evacuates Cabindan territory. communique declared that if Gulf Oil management disregards the ultimatum, FLEC will order the destruction of all the company's installations, including pumping stations, platforms and piers. FLEC asserted that the Angolan government was being financially supported by Gulf's oil royalties payments.

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Dutch-Moluccan Confrontation

The current siege of a South Moluccan-held train and schoolhouse in the northern part of the Netherlands may become a long drawn out affair. The terrorists laid down a 25 May deadline for the Dutch authorities to comply with their demands. The authorities initially refused to discuss anything until 105 children being held in the schoolhouse were released. Nevertheless, officials did begin negotiating with the terrorists on the afternoon of 25 May using four jailed South Moluccans as intermediaries.

The incident began on 23 May when a man and a woman riding the train pulled the emergency cord at a prearranged spot near Groningen. Five other armed terrorists then emerged from a wooded area and boarded the train. In the confusion that followed, some of the passengers were able to escape from the train. Another 34 people, mostly elderly men and women, were released shortly afterwards. The remaining passengers-press reports of their numbers range from 50 to 80--were forced into one of the cars.

About an hour after the train had been hijacked, six gunmen stormed the school, which is located in a South Moluccan neighborhood in the village of Bovensmilde. Fifteen Moluccan students were immediately released and the remaining 105 students and six teachers were held. As was the case with the train, the terrorists papered over the windows in the areas where the hostages are being detained.

The terrorists have threatened to kill the children as well as passengers aboard the train if the government does not follow a scenario laid out in detail in a letter mailed to authorities before the incident began. They are demanding that two groups of South Moluccans, currently being held in Dutch jails for earlier terrorist incidents, be taken to a small airfield near the hijack and kidnap sites and then

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flown to Amsterdam. A third group of prisoners is to be taken directly to the airport in Amsterdam. A jumbo jet is to be made ready to fly all of the South Moluccans to an undisclosed destination. The terrorists have further demanded that the government announce its acceptance of the terms over the radio and television.

The government does not appear ready to make any concessions to the terrorists. At the same time Dutch authorities are anxious not to provoke the terrorists into acts of violence. They prefer a tactic of attrition which proved effective in a similar incident with South Moluccan terrorists in December 1975. Although a number of gunshots within the schoolhouse have been heard, it is unclear whether there have been any casulaties thus far.

The South Moluccans are natives of a group of islands around Ambon in east Indonesia, whose inhabitants have been close to the Netherlands since the colonial days of the Dutch East Indies. Following an unsuccessful attempt to create a South Moluccan Republic in 1950--it was militarily crushed by Indonesia--12,000 of the South Moluccans were taken to the Netherlands. The exile community now numbers 40,000. The South Moluccans--especially the younger elements--have resisted assimilation into Dutch society and have sought to win support for their cause of independence from Indonesia.

Since 31 August 1970 the South Moluccans have been involved in a number of incidents in the Netherlands. On that date 33 of them occupied the Indonesian embassy killing one policeman. A month later a raid against a Moluccan camp resulted in the capture by Dutch authorities of small arms, ammunition and hand grenades. Again, on 10 May 1974 a police raid against the residence of a South Moluccan led to the recovery of a quantity of weapons and ammunition that had been stolen from a Dutch military camp. In December 1974 a mob of South Moluccans firebombed The Hague Peace Palace and in April 1975 ten were arrested for plotting to kidnap Queen Juliana.

In their most spectacular previous incident, in December 1975, the terrorists simultaneously hijacked a train in the northern part of the Netherlands and occupied the Indonesian

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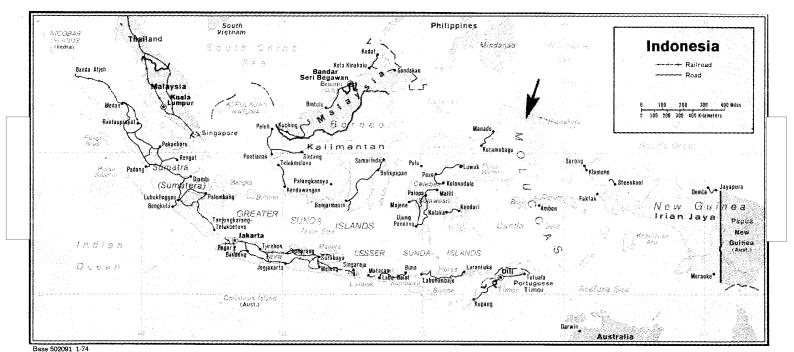
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Cypriot Court Sentences Two in Ambassador Davies Case

On 20 May the prosecutor in the trial of three accused murderers of Ambassador Roger Davies withdrew several charges which were pending against one of the defendants. Loizos Savva pleaded guilty to rioting after charges of possession of arms, manslaughter, destruction, and setting the U.S. embassy at Nicosia on fire, were dropped. Savva was sentenced to eight months imprisonment, effective 4 February 1977, the date of his arrest. The court imposed three months in prison on another of the defendants, Khristakis Kharalambous. for possessing dynamite and for rioting.

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American Kidnap Victim Released in Colombia

Gustavo Curtis, an American manager of the Colombian subsidary of Beatrice Foods, was released the night of 18-19 May, according to Colombian police. Curtis was kidnaped on 28 September 1976 in downtown Bogota as he was returning home from work. (See the issues of 5 and 12 October and 9 November 1976.)

The identity of the kidnapers is still unknown. Press reports at the time of the abduction blamed the act on pro-Communist terrorists. There has been no information in the Colombian press regarding any payments of the ransom which was demanded shortly after the kidnaping.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date:

27 April 1977

Place:

France, Lille

West German Consulate in Lille
Attacked with Molotov Cocktails
Two Molotov cocktails were thrown
at the West German consulate in
Lille, France, during the night
of 27 April. One hit the first
floor but did not ignite. The
persons responsible for the

attack are not known.

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Date:

19 May 1977

Place:

Turkey, Istanbul

Bomb Explosion at U.S. Consulate in Istanbul

A small bomb exploded in the U.S. consulate compound in Istanbul on 19 May. The detonation caused only slight property damage. The persons responsible are not known.

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Date:

23 May 1977

Place:

Netherlands, Groningen Bovensmilde

South Moluccan Terrorists Seize Dutch Hostages at Two Locations South Moluccan terrorists, in two separate actions on 23 May, seized an express train near Groningen, Netherlands, and occupied a school in Bovensmilde. Approximately 80 people are believed held in the train and 111 children and teachers at the The terrorists are deschool. manding the release of 21 South Moluccans from Dutch prisons and air transport out of the country.

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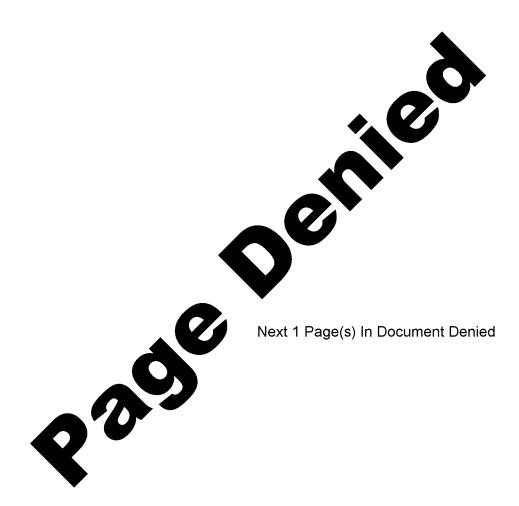
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IV. Africa

Target: GUI

GULF OIL

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Place:

Cabinda

Date:

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